

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN

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United States of America,

No. 17-cr-20439

Plaintiff,

Hon. Laurie J. Michelson

v.

D-1 Lawrence Davis,

Offense(s):

21 U. S. C. § 841(a)(1)

Distribution of a Controlled Substance

Defendant.

Maximum Penalty:

20 years imprisonment

Mandatory Supervised Release:

At least 3 years up to life

Maximum Fine: Not to exceed

\$1,000,000.00

Rule 11 Plea Agreement

Pursuant to Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, defendant
Lawrence Davis and the government agree as follows:

1. **Guilty Plea**

A. **Count of Conviction**

Defendant will enter a plea of guilty to Count One of the Superseding
Information which charges him with distribution of a controlled substance, in

violation of 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1). The Government agrees not to seek a mandatory minimum 20 year sentence that is authorized pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 841(b)(1)(C).

B. Elements of Offense(s)

The elements of Count One are as follows:

- A) The defendant knowing and intentionally possessed a controlled substance;
- B) The defendant knowingly and intentionally distributed the controlled substance to another person;
- C) The substance the defendant distributed contained a detectable amount of fentanyl and/or carfentanyl *indicated by the handwritten "UP" and "PC" marks.*

C. Factual Basis for Guilty Plea

The following facts are a sufficient and accurate basis for defendant's guilty plea(s):

On September 19, 2016, the defendant met with L. H. in Detroit, Michigan, in order to sell her a controlled substance. At the meeting, the defendant provided a substance to L. H. The substance provided by the defendant contained a detectable amount of fentanyl. After purchasing the controlled substance from the defendant, L. H. provided the controlled substance to Christopher Violante, who ingested it. After ingesting the controlled substance purchased from the defendant, Christopher Violante became unconscious as a result of ingesting the controlled substance. Christopher Violante subsequently died due to fentanyl toxicity as a result of ingesting the controlled substance purchased from the defendant.

2. Sentencing Guidelines

A. Standard of Proof

The Court will find sentencing factors by a preponderance of the evidence.

B. Agreed Guideline Range

There are no sentencing guideline disputes. Except as provided below, the defendant's guideline range is **210-240 months**, as set forth on the attached worksheets. If the Court finds:

1. That defendant's criminal history category is higher than reflected on the attached worksheets, or
2. that the offense level should be higher because, after pleading guilty, defendant made any false statement to or withheld information from his probation officer; otherwise demonstrated a lack of acceptance of responsibility for his offense; or obstructed justice or committed any crime,

and if any such finding results in a guideline range higher than **240 months**, the higher guideline range becomes the **agreed range**. However, if the Court finds that defendant is a career offender, an armed career criminal, or a repeat and dangerous sex offender as defined under the sentencing guidelines or other federal law, and that finding is not already reflected in the attached worksheets, this paragraph does not authorize a corresponding increase in the agreed range.

Neither party may take a position concerning the applicable guidelines that is different from any position of that party as reflected in the attached worksheets, except as necessary to the Court's determination regarding subsections 1) and 2), above.

3. Sentence

The Court will impose a sentence pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3553, and in doing so must consider the sentencing guideline range.

A. Imprisonment

Pursuant to Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 11(c)(1)(C), the sentence of imprisonment in this case must be at least **72 months (six years)** and may not exceed **96 months (eight years)**.

B. Supervised Release

A term of supervised release follows the term of imprisonment. The Court must impose a term of supervised release, which in this case is at least 3 years, up to life. The agreement concerning imprisonment described above in Paragraph 3A does not apply to any term of imprisonment that result from any later revocation of supervised release.

C. Fine

There is no agreement as to fines.

D. Restitution

The Court shall order restitution to every identifiable victim of defendant's offense.

E. Special Assessment

Defendant will pay a special assessment of \$100 at the time of sentencing.

4. Use of Withdrawn Guilty Plea

If the Court allows defendant to withdraw his guilty plea for a "fair and just reason" pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 11(d)(2)(B), defendant waives his rights under Fed. R. Evid. 410, and the government may use his guilty plea, any statement made under oath at the change-of-plea hearing, and the factual basis statement in this plea agreement, against him in any proceeding.

5. Each Party's Right to Withdraw from This Agreement

The government may withdraw from this agreement if the Court finds the correct guideline range to be different than is determined by Paragraph 2B or if the Court decides to impose a sentence of less than **72 months**.

Defendant may withdraw from this agreement, and may withdraw his guilty plea, if the Court decides to impose a sentence higher than **96 months**. This is the only reason for which defendant may withdraw from this agreement. The Court shall advise defendant that if he does not withdraw his guilty plea under this circumstance, the Court may impose a sentence greater than **96 months**.

6. Appeal Waiver

The defendant waives any right he may have to appeal his conviction on any grounds. If the defendant's sentence of imprisonment does not exceed **96 months**, the defendant also waives any right he may have to appeal his sentence on any grounds. If the defendant's sentence of imprisonment is at least **72 months**, the government waives any right it may have to appeal the defendant's sentence.

This waiver does not bar filing a claim of ineffective assistance of counsel in court.

7. Consequences of Withdrawal of Guilty Plea or Vacation of Conviction

If defendant is allowed to withdraw his guilty plea or if any conviction entered pursuant to this agreement is vacated, the Court shall, on the government's request, reinstate any charges that were dismissed as part of this agreement. If additional charges are filed against defendant within six months after the date the order vacating defendant's conviction or allowing him to withdraw his guilty plea becomes final, which charges relate directly or indirectly to the conduct underlying the guilty plea or to any conduct reflected in the attached worksheets, defendant waives his right to challenge the additional charges on the ground that they were not filed in a timely manner, including any claim that they were filed after the limitations period expired.

8. Parties to Plea Agreement

Unless otherwise indicated, this agreement does not bind any government agency except the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Michigan.

9. Scope of Plea Agreement

This agreement, which includes all documents that it explicitly incorporates, is the complete agreement between the parties. This agreement supersedes all other promises, representations, understandings and agreements between the parties concerning the subject matter of this plea agreement that were made at any time before the guilty plea is entered in court. Thus, no oral or written promises made by the government to defendant or to the attorney for the defendant at any time before defendant pleads guilty are binding except to the extent they have been explicitly incorporated into this agreement.

Notwithstanding the previous paragraph, if defendant has entered into a proffer agreement in writing or a cooperation agreement in writing with the government, this plea agreement does not supersede or abrogate the terms of any such prior written agreement.

This agreement also does not prevent any civil or administrative actions against defendant, or any forfeiture claim against any property, by the United States or any other party.

10. Acceptance of Agreement by Defendant

This plea offer expires unless it has been received, fully signed, in the Office of the United States Attorney by 5:00 P.M. on 03/29/2018. The government reserves the right to modify or revoke this offer at any time before defendant pleads guilty.

Matthew Schneider
United States Attorney




Steven P. Cares
Assistant United States Attorney
Chief, Drug Task Force



Mark S. Bilkovic
Assistant United States Attorney

Date: 03/05/2018

By signing below, defendant acknowledges that he has read (or been read) this entire document, understands it, and agrees to its terms. He also acknowledges that he is satisfied with his attorney's advice and representation. Defendant agrees that he has had a full and complete opportunity to confer with his lawyer, and has had all of his questions answered by his lawyer.



David J. Kramer
Attorney for Defendant

3/29/18
Date



Lawrence Davis
Defendant

3/29/18
Date

WORKSHEET A

OFFENSE LEVEL

Defendant Lawrence DavisDistrict/Office Eastern District of MichiganDocket Number 17-cr-20439Count Number(s) _____ U.S. Code Title & Section 21 : 841(a)(1) ; _____ :*Guidelines Manual* Edition Used: **2016** (Note: The Worksheets are keyed to the November 1, 2016 *Guidelines Manual*)

INSTRUCTIONS

Complete a separate Worksheet A for each count of conviction or as required in a situation listed at the bottom of Worksheet B.*
Exceptions: Use only a single Worksheet A where the offense level for a group of closely related counts is based primarily on aggregate value or quantity (see §3D1.2(d)) or where a count of conspiracy, solicitation, or attempt is grouped with a substantive count that was the sole object of the conspiracy, solicitation, or attempt (see §3D1.2(a) & (b)).

1. Offense Level (See Chapter Two)

Enter the applicable base offense level and any specific offense characteristics from Chapter Two and explain the bases for these determinations. Enter the sum in the box provided.

Guideline	Description	Level
2D1.1(a)(1)	Death resulted from use of the CS	38
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

If the Chapter Two guideline requires application of a cross reference or other reference, an additional Worksheet A may be needed for that analysis. See §1B1.5.

Sum 38

2. Victim-Related Adjustments (See Chapter Three, Part A)

Enter the applicable section and adjustment. If more than one section is applicable, list each section and enter the combined adjustment. If no adjustment is applicable, enter "0".

§ _____ 0

3. Role in the Offense Adjustments (See Chapter Three, Part B)

Enter the applicable section and adjustment. If more than one section is applicable, list each section and enter the combined adjustment. If the adjustment reduces the offense level, enter a minus (–) sign in front of the adjustment. If no adjustment is applicable, enter "0".

§ _____ 0

4. Obstruction Adjustments (See Chapter Three, Part C)

Enter the applicable section and adjustment. If more than one section is applicable, list each section and enter the combined adjustment. If no adjustment is applicable, enter "0".

§ _____ 0

5. Adjusted Offense Level

Enter the sum of Items 1–4. If this Worksheet A does not cover all counts of conviction or situations listed at the bottom of Worksheet B, complete Worksheet B. Otherwise, enter this result on Worksheet D, Item 1.

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☒ Check here if **all** counts (including situations listed at the bottom of Worksheet B)* are addressed on this one Worksheet A. If so, no Worksheet B is used.

☐ If the defendant has no criminal history, enter "I" here and on Worksheet D, Item 4. No Worksheet C is used.

WORKSHEET C

CRIMINAL HISTORY

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Note: As an aid, some of the basic criminal history "rules" are listed below. However, there are numerous additional criminal history rules at §§4A1.1 and 4A1.2 that must be used with Worksheet C and for correct application.

Enter the Earliest Date of the Defendant's Relevant Conduct _____

(The date of the defendant's commencement of the instant offense(s))

1. Prior Sentences Resulting from Offenses Committed Prior to the Defendant's 18th Birthday

- (a) **3 Points** if convicted as an **adult**, for each prior sentence of imprisonment **exceeding one year and one month** imposed within 15 years of the defendant's earliest date of relevant conduct or resulting in incarceration during any part of that 15-year period. See §§4A1.1(a) and 4A1.2(d)(1) & (e)(1).
- (b) **2 Points** for each prior **adult or juvenile sentence** of confinement of **at least 60 days** not counted under §4A1.1(a) imposed within 5 years or from which the defendant was released from confinement within 5 years of the defendant's earliest date of relevant conduct. See §§4A1.1(b) and 4A1.2(d)(2)(A).
- (c) **1 Point** for each prior **adult or juvenile sentence** not counted under §4A1.1(a) or §4A1.1(b) imposed within 5 years of the defendant's earliest date of relevant conduct. See §§4A1.1(c) and 4A1.2(d)(2)(B).

Note: Identify as "**adult**" any sentence exceeding one year and one month that resulted from an adult conviction.

A **release date** is required in only two instances: (1) when a sentence covered under §4A1.1(a) was imposed more than 15 years prior to the defendant's earliest date of relevant conduct but resulted in the defendant being incarcerated during any part of such 15-year period; or (2) when a sentence counted under §4A1.1(b) was imposed more than 5 years prior to the defendant's earliest date of relevant conduct, but release from confinement occurred within such 5-year period.

Date of Imposition	Offense	Sentence	Release Date	Guideline Section	Criminal History Points

2. Prior Sentences Resulting from Offenses Committed On or After the Defendant's 18th Birthday

- (a) **3 Points** for each prior sentence of imprisonment **exceeding one year and one month** imposed within 15 years of the defendant's earliest date of relevant conduct or resulting in incarceration during any part of that 15-year period. See §§4A1.1(a) and 4A1.2(e)(1).
- (b) **2 Points** for each prior sentence of imprisonment of **at least 60 days** not counted under §4A1.1(a) imposed within 10 years of the defendant's earliest date of relevant conduct. See §§4A1.1(b) and 4A1.2(e)(2).
- (c) **1 Point** for each prior sentence not counted under §4A1.1(a) or §4A1.1(b) imposed within 10 years of the defendant's earliest date of relevant conduct. See §§4A1.1(c) and 4A1.2(e)(2).

Note: A **release date** is required when a sentence covered under §4A1.1(a) was imposed more than 15 years prior to the defendant's earliest date of relevant conduct but resulted in the defendant being incarcerated during any part of such 15-year period.

Date of Imposition	Offense	Sentence	Release Date	Guideline Section	Criminal History Points
05/2011	Unlawful use MV	12 months probation		4A1.1(c)	1
08/2013	Assault and Battery	Fine		4A1.1(c)	1
08/2013	R&C MV	Probation		4A1.1(c)	1
07/2014	Poss. Dang. Weapon	18 months probation		4A1.1(c)	1

Worksheet C — Criminal History [Page 2 of 2]Defendant Lawrence DavisDocket Number 17-cr-20439(continued from *Sentences Resulting from Offenses Committed On or After the Defendant's 18th Birthday*)

Date of Imposition	Offense	Sentence	Release Date	Guideline Section	Criminal History Points

3. Sum of Criminal History Points for prior sentences under §4A1.1(a), (b), & (c) in Items 1 & 2

A total of 4 points can be added for all the 1-Point sentences counted in Items 1 & 2 combined.

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4. "Status" of Defendant at Time of Instant Offense

2 Points for "status" if the defendant committed any part of the instant offense (*i.e.*, any relevant conduct) while under any criminal justice sentence (*e.g.*, probation, parole, supervised release, imprisonment, work release, or escape status) for a sentence counted in Items 1 or 2. *See* §4A1.1(d) and Application Note 4. List the type of control and identify the counted sentence that resulted in the control. Otherwise, enter **0 Points**.

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5. Crimes of Violence

1 Point for each prior sentence resulting from a conviction of a crime of violence that did not receive any points under §4A1.1(a), (b), or (c) because such sentence was counted as a single sentence which also included another sentence resulting from a conviction for a crime of violence. A total of 3 points can be added under this subsection. *See* §4A1.1(e) and Application Note 5, and §4A1.2(a)(2) & (p). Identify the crimes of violence and briefly explain why the cases are considered a single sentence. Otherwise, enter **0 Points**.

0

4. Total Criminal History Points (Sum of Items 3–5)

4

5. Criminal History Category (Enter here and on Worksheet D, Item 4)

Total Points	Criminal History Category
0–1	I
2–3	II
4–6	III
7–9	IV
10–12	V
13 or more	VI

III

WORKSHEET D

DETERMINING THE SENTENCE

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Defendant Lawrence DavisDocket Number 17-cr-20439**1. Adjusted Offense Level** (From Worksheet A or B)

If Worksheet B is required, enter the result from Worksheet B, Item 9. Otherwise, enter the result from Worksheet A, Item 5.

2. Acceptance of Responsibility (See Chapter Three, Part E)

Enter the applicable reduction of 2 or 3 levels. If no adjustment is applicable, enter "0".

3. Offense Level Total (Item 1 less Item 2)**4. Criminal History Category** (From Worksheet A or C)

Enter the result from Worksheet C, Item 8, unless the defendant has no criminal history, and as directed at the bottom of Worksheet A, no Worksheet C is used and "I" is entered here.

5. Terrorism; Career Offender; Criminal Livelihood; Armed Career Criminal; Repeat and Dangerous Sex Offender (See Chapter Three, Part A, and Chapter Four, Part B)**a. Offense Level Total**

If the provision for Career Offender (§4B1.1), Criminal Livelihood (§4B1.3), Armed Career Criminal (§4B1.4), or Repeat and Dangerous Sex Offender (§4B1.5) results in an offense level total higher than Item 3, enter the offense level total. Otherwise, enter "N/A".

b. Criminal History Category

If the provision for Terrorism (§3A1.4), Career Offender (§4B1.1), Armed Career Criminal (§4B1.4), or Repeat and Dangerous Sex Offender (§4B1.5) results in a criminal history category higher than Item 4, enter the applicable criminal history category. Otherwise, enter "N/A".

6. Guideline Range from Sentencing Table

Enter the applicable guideline range from Chapter Five, Part A, in months.

7. Restricted Guideline Range (See Chapter Five, Part G)

If the statutorily authorized maximum sentence or the statutorily required minimum sentence restricts the guideline range (Item 6) (see §§5G1.1 and 5G1.2), enter either the restricted guideline range or any statutory maximum or minimum penalty that would modify the guideline range. Otherwise, enter "N/A".

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Check here if §5C1.2 (Limitation on Applicability of Statutory Minimum Penalties in Certain Cases) and 18 U.S.C. § 3553(e) – "The Safety Valve" – are applicable.

8. Undischarged Term of Imprisonment; Anticipated State Term of Imprisonment (See §5G1.3)☐

If the defendant is subject to an undischarged term of imprisonment, or an anticipated state term of imprisonment, check this box. Below list the undischarged/anticipated term(s), the applicable section of §5G1.3 and its direction or guidance as to whether the instant federal sentence is to be imposed to run concurrently or consecutively to the undischarged/anticipated term(s), and any sentence adjustment.

Worksheet D — Determining the Sentence [Page 2 of 4]Defendant Lawrence DavisDocket Number 17-cr-20439**9. Sentencing Options** (See Chapter Five, Sentencing Table and §§5B1.1(a) and 5C1.1)

Check the applicable box that corresponds to the Guideline Range entered in Item 6 or Item 7, if applicable.

Zone A (See §§5B1.1(a)(1) & 5C1.1(a) & (b))☐

If checked, the following options are available:

- Fine (See §§5C1.1(b) & 5E1.2(a))
- “Straight” Probation (See §§5B1.1(a)(1) & 5C1.1(b))
- Imprisonment (See §5C1.1(a) & (c)(1))

Zone B (See §§5B1.1(a)(2) & 5C1.1(a) & (c))☐If checked, *the minimum term may be satisfied by:*

- Imprisonment (See §5C1.1(a) & (c)(2))
- Imprisonment of ***at least one month plus supervised release*** with a condition that substitutes community confinement or home detention for imprisonment (See §5C1.1(c)(2))
- Probation with a condition that substitutes intermittent confinement, community confinement, or home detention for imprisonment (See §§5B1.1(a)(2) and 5C1.1(c)(3))

Zone C (See §5C1.1(a) & (d))☐If checked, *the minimum term may be satisfied by:*

- Imprisonment (See §5C1.1(a) & (d)(1))
- Imprisonment of ***at least one-half of the minimum term plus supervised release*** with a condition that substitutes community confinement or home detention for imprisonment (See §5C1.1(d)(2))

Zone D (See §5C1.1(a) & (f))☒If checked, *the minimum term is to be satisfied by a sentence of imprisonment***10. Length of Term of Probation** (See §5B1.2)

If probation is imposed, the guideline for the length of such term of probation is: (Check the applicable box)

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At least one year, but not more than five years if the offense level total is 6 or greater.

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No more than three years if the offense level total is 5 or less.

Worksheet D — Determining the Sentence [Page 3 of 4]Defendant Lawrence DavisDocket Number 17-cr-20439**11. Supervised Release** (See §§5D1.1 and 5D1.2)**a. Imposition of a Term of Supervised Release:**

Ordered because required by statute (See §5D1.1(a)(1)).



Ordered because a sentence of imprisonment of more than one year is imposed (See §5D1.1(a)(2)).

Is **not** ordered although a sentence of more than one year is imposed, because it is not required by statute **and** the defendant likely will be deported after imprisonment (See §5D1.1(c)).

Ordered because it may be ordered in any other case (See §5D1.1(b)).

b. Length of Term of Supervised Release

Check the Class of the Offense:



Class A or B Felony: Two to Five Year Term (See §5D1.2(a)(1))



Class C or D Felony: One to Three Year Term (See §5D1.2(a)(2))



Class E Felony or Class A Misdemeanor: One Year Term (See §5D1.2(a)(3))



If a statutorily required mandatory minimum term of supervised release for the offense impacts the guideline range for the applicable Class of Offense above, also check this box, and list the statutory minimum term (See §5D1.2(c)):

3 years mandatory minimum term of supervised release

If an offense in 18 U.S.C. § 2332b(g)(5)(B) that resulted in, or created a foreseeable risk of, death or serious bodily injury to another person; or if a sex offense, the term of supervised release will not be less than the minimum term established above, and may be up to life (See §5D1.2(b)).

Policy Statement: If a sex offense, the *statutory maximum term* of supervised release is recommended.**12. Restitution** (See §5E1.1)**a.** If restitution is applicable, enter the amount. Otherwise enter "N/A" and the reason:Restitution to be determined.**b.** Enter whether restitution is statutorily mandatory or discretionary:Mandatory**c.** Enter whether restitution is by an order of restitution, or **solely** as a condition of supervision. Enter the authorizing statute:Order of Restitution mandated by 18 U.S.C. 3663.

Worksheet D — Determining the Sentence [Page 4 of 4]Defendant Lawrence DavisDocket Number 17-cr-20439**13. Fines (The Guideline Range for Fines for Individual Defendants)** (See §5E1.2)**a. Special Fine Provisions**

Minimum

Maximum

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Check box if any of the counts of conviction is for a statute with a special fine provision. (This **does not** include the general fine provisions of 18 USC § 3571(b)(2) & (d)).

Enter the sum of statutory maximum fines for all such counts.

\$ 1,000,000.00

b. Fine Table (§5E1.2(c)(3))

Enter the minimum and maximum fines.

\$ 40,000.00

\$ 400,000.00

c. Fine Guideline Range

(Determined by the minimum of the Fine Table (Item 15(b)) and the greater maximum above (Item 15(a) or 15(b))).

\$ 40,000.00

\$ 1,000,000.00

d. Ability to Pay☒

Check this box if the defendant does not have an ability to pay.

14. Special Assessments for Individual Defendants (See §5E1.3)

Enter the total amount of the statutory special assessments required for all counts of conviction:

- \$100 for each felony count of conviction.
- \$25 for each Class A misdemeanor count of conviction.
- While not subject to guideline sentencing, the special assessments for a Class B misdemeanor, and a Class C misdemeanor or infraction are \$10 and \$5 per count, respectively.

TOTAL:

\$ 100

15. Factors That May Warrant a Departure (See §1B1.1(b))

Consider Chapter Five, Part H (Specific Offender Characteristics) and Part K (Departures), and other policy statements and commentary in the *Guidelines Manual* that might warrant consideration in sentencing. (See also the "List of Departure Provisions" included in the *Guidelines Manual* after the Index).

16. Factors That May Warrant a Variance (See §1B1.1(c))

Consider the applicable factors in 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a) taken as a whole.

Completed by Mark S. BilkovicDate March 1, 2018